

I Claim:

1. A folding chair, comprising:
  - (a) a seat defining a top sitting area adapted for supporting a user in a sitting position;
  - (b) a back extending outwardly from said seat in an open chair position, and defining a back support area for engaging a back of the user;
  - (c) a hinge connecting said seat and said back whereby at least one of said seat and back is moveable from the open chair position to a closed chair position, and in the closed chair position, the back support and sitting areas reside in overlying relation within a common perimeter; and
  - (d) means for securing the common perimeter against entry of outside elements such that the back support and sitting areas remain clean when said chair is returned to the open chair position.
2. A folding chair according to claim 1, wherein said means for securing the common perimeter comprises a rim formed with said back and adapted to fit closely adjacent an edge of said seat.
3. A folding chair according to claim 1, wherein said seat defines a recess adapted for receiving a seat cushion in the top sitting area.

4. A folding chair according to claim 3, wherein said back defines a recess adapted for receiving a back cushion in the back support area.

5. A folding chair according to claim 4, wherein said means for securing the common perimeter comprises an annular rim extending around the recess formed with one of said seat and back, and adapted to fit closely adjacent an annular mouth of the recess formed with the other of said seat and back.

6. A folding chair according to claim 5, wherein one of said annular rim and mouth comprises a locking rib and the other of said annular rim and mouth comprises a complementary groove, said rib and groove cooperating to snap attach the back and seat together with said chair in the closed chair position.

7. A folding chair according to claim 1, wherein said means for securing the common perimeter comprises a rim formed with one of said seat and back, and a complementary perimeter channel formed with the other of said seat and back and adapted for receiving said rim.

8. A folding chair according to claim 1, wherein said back comprises a cushion located in the back support area.
9. A folding chair according to claim 1, wherein said seat comprises a cushion located in the sitting area.
10. A folding chair, comprising:
- (a) a seat defining a top sitting area adapted for supporting a user in a sitting position;
  - (b) a back extending outwardly from said seat in an open chair position, and defining a back support area for engaging a back of the user;
  - (c) means for arranging said seat and said back whereby at least one of said seat and back is moveable from the open chair position to a closed chair position, and in the closed chair position, the back support and sitting areas reside in overlying relation within a common perimeter; and
  - (d) means for securing the common perimeter against entry of outside elements such that the back support and sitting areas remain clean when said chair is returned to the open chair position.

11. A folding chair according to claim 10, wherein said means for securing the common perimeter comprises a rim formed with said back and adapted to fit closely adjacent an edge of said seat.

12. A folding chair according to claim 10, wherein said seat defines a recess adapted for receiving a seat cushion in the top sitting area.

13. A folding chair according to claim 12, wherein said back defines a recess adapted for receiving a back cushion in the back support area.

14. A folding chair according to claim 13, wherein said means for securing the common perimeter comprises an annular rim extending around the recess formed with one of said seat and back, and adapted to fit closely adjacent an annular mouth of the recess formed with the other of said seat and back

15. A folding chair according to claim 14, wherein one of said annular rim and mouth comprises a locking rib and the other of said annular rim and mouth comprises a complementary groove, said rib and groove cooperating to snap attach the back and seat together with said chair in the closed chair position.

16. A folding chair according to claim 10, wherein said means for securing the common perimeter comprises a rim formed with one of said seat and back, and a complementary perimeter channel formed with the other of said seat and back and adapted for receiving said rim.

17. A folding chair according to claim 10, wherein said back comprises a cushion located in the back support area.

18. A folding chair according to claim 10, wherein said seat comprises a cushion located in the top sitting area.